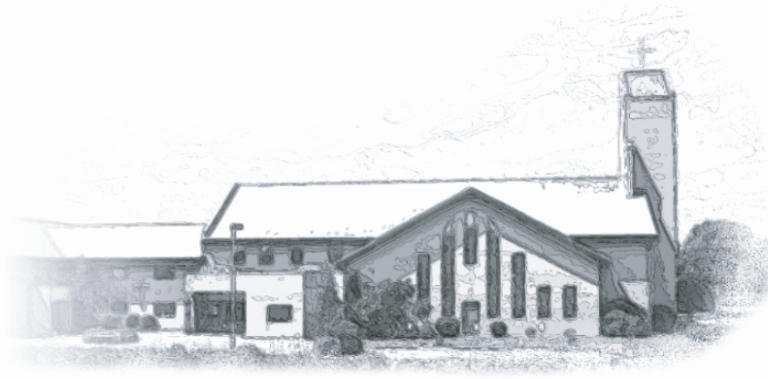


St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches



“To grow as disciples, living and sharing the love of Christ”

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. at St Paul the Apostle

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception

10:30 a.m. at St Paul the Apostle

6:00 p.m. at St Paul the Apostle

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

Friday: 12:10 noon at Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 9:00a.m. at Immaculate Conception

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition on the First Friday of each month at Immaculate Conception Church from 1:00pm Friday until 8:00am Saturday.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour before 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Paul's

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Edge Night (Gr. 6-8) See parish website

Life Teen (Gr. 9-12) See parish website

Reconciliation(Confessions): at St. Paul's

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consulting the parish priest. At least one of the parties should be a registered parishioner and both parties must attend a mandatory Marriage Preparation Course.

Baptism:

Parents/Guardians should be registered parishioners and attend Baptism preparation class along with godparents. (Registration package available from church office).

Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion: If anybody is sick (at the Hospital, Home, Nursing Home, etc.) & needs to be anointed or would like to receive Holy Communion or Confession, please call office.

Schools:

Holy Family Elementary School 705-435-3989

St. Paul's Elementary School 705-435-7211

St. Cecilia Catholic School 705-530-9597

St. Thomas Aquinas High School 905-936-4743

Pastoral Ministries:

Life Teen and The Edge Youth Ministry for students in grade six through to high school; Altar Servers; Lectors; Ushers; Eucharistic Ministers; Music Ministry; Pastoral Care Ministers to the sick and shut-ins; Children's Liturgy; Pastoral Council; R.C.I.A.; and Sacramental Preparation

Organizations:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada; Knights of Columbus; Columbian Squires (boys 10 - 18 yrs) St. Vincent de Paul Society

Stewardship:

Welcome to new parishioners! To be a member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. Registration forms and envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

PARISH WEBSITE: stpaultheapostleal.archtoronto.org

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 22 September 2024

Then he took a child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:36-37

First Reading + Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Second Reading + James 3:16-4.3
Gospel + Mark 9:30-17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23

8:00am+Robert Berberick, Per.Int - M/M Berberick

Tuesday, September 24

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7 :00pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)

John & Connie Orr, Troy & Alisha Geisler,
Anne Fernando

Wednesday, September 25

8 :00am+David BINNS, RIP - M. Whelton

Thursday, September 26

8:00am+Anu Antao, Per. Int.- M/M Berberick

10:45am+Holy Family School Mass

Friday, September 27

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+ (Multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)

Michael Berberick, Andy & Anne Prokopich, John Orr

Saturday, September 28

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Andrew MACBETH, RIP – Arch TO

5:00pm+Lou BIFFIS RIP – G & J Gillis

Sunday, September 29

9:00am+Francis LYNCH, RIP – M. Lynch

10:30am+David BINNS, RIP - Ralphps Family

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Greatness of Holiness

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. [Mark 9:33-34](#)

One of the desires that we all have is for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. This desire is manifested in competitiveness in sports and games. It becomes a driving force in business and politics. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies, working hard to perfect various skills and talents so as to excel. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have is now disordered to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, the desire we have for greatness can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when we fail, a source of jealousy when others appear to do better, and can lead us to pursue empty and fleeting goals in life. Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ.

Just prior to the passage quoted above in which the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, Jesus predicted to them, for the second time, that He would suffer and die. Recall that after the first prediction of His passion, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time, they might have wondered if some of them would likewise share in a similar experience as the Transfiguration.

Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness.

In Heaven, we will all know who is the greatest. Interestingly, the Scriptures, the official Church teachings, and many of the saints reveal to us that there will be levels of glory in Heaven. This is why Jesus said elsewhere, “Store up treasure in Heaven” ([Matthew 6:20](#)). In Heaven, each of us will be perfectly happy. But each of us will also share in God’s glory in varying degrees, based upon the merit of our charity on earth. The classic example of this is that if every soul is like a glass of water in Heaven, then every glass will be full. But some glasses will be larger than others and will be able to contain more water (glory). For this reason, we must remember that the natural desire for greatness is good, but it must be properly ordered by grace. That desire must not become as it was among the disciples who saw each other as competitors. Instead, it must be directed to the deepest desire for holiness and charity. In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth, but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever.

Most glorious Lord, You are Greatness Itself. You are our eternal glory. I thank You for the natural desire for greatness that has been instilled within my soul. Please purify that desire, and help me to direct it toward holiness so that I will be able to store up in Heaven the many treasures You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.

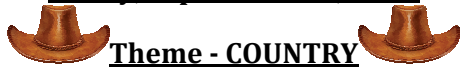
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Saint of the Week:

If we earnestly endeavor to love Jesus, this alone will drive all fear from our hearts and soul will find that instead of walking in the Lord’s paths, it is flying. - St. Padre Pio (1887-1968), Patron of Civil Defense Volunteers, Feast Day Sept. 23



CWL ANNUAL FALL DINNER
Friday, September 27, 2024



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For additional information call

Dawn Westcott 705-435-9914

Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel

We will commence Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel from September 20th to September 28th after each Mass. There will be an extra mass celebrated on **Monday, September 23rd at 8:00am at St Paul Parish.**

First EDGE Night Social

Come join us - Sept. 23- 645pm-9pm

Register Online -

<https://www.jotform.com/32968611794265>

First Life Teen Night Social

Come join us - Sept. 30, 645pm-9pm

Register Online at

<https://form.jotform.com/242557032470250>

Muffin Sunday

We're back! The first Knights of Columbus Muffin Sunday of the season will be held on **September 29th** following the 10:30 am mass in the **Fr. Bennett Hall**. We look forward to seeing our old friends and encourage anyone who hasn't attended or are new to the parish to come out and catch up with or meet your fellow parishioners while enjoying muffins, tea, coffee or juice.

Donations gratefully accepted to defray costs and assist in parish projects.

Oktoberfest Dinner ----- Save the date.

Saturday – October 26th, 2024

Tickets on sale starting Oct. 5th at all masses and through the office during office hours.

Come join us for a fun and delicious evening. Thank you for your support to our Youth Ministry.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ----- Save the date...

Saturday, November 2, 2024.

More information to follow.....

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Membership forms are available at the back of the church.

Knights of Columbus Ontario State 50/50 Lottery

The 50:50 draw organized by the KofC State office is back and this year you can securely purchase tickets by following the link on the KofC St. Paul the Apostle web page - (<http://www.knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca/>) or scanning the QR code below.

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Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 5/6, 2024

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 5/6, 2024, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Thank you for your generosity.

Columbian Squires will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive over the coming weeks. Please see the poster for needed items by the Alliston Food Bank. All donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items are greatly appreciated though.

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